



October 31, 2023

President Bonilla and the PAT bargaining team,

Whatever else we disagree about, we agree that students must be at the center of our decisions. In that spirit, we ask that you do not strike tomorrow, keep schools open, and stay with us at the bargaining table.

A PAT strike tomorrow will have a detrimental effect on our students and schools. It will exacerbate the negative impacts of the previous pandemic school closures, including learning loss, concerns about our children's mental health, and lack of access to trusted adults. As educators, we know that this is not what is best for our students.

We understand that we have significant disagreements on critical issues. We can only bridge these and reach agreement through dialogue, cooperation, and compromise at the table, not on the sidewalk.

We have heard from Governor Kotek, the Portland Metro Chamber of Commerce, and countless families who are urging us to come to a resolution and avoid school closures. We appreciate the impact of your hard work and dedication to the school system, and we hope to find common ground to reach an agreement that will honor our educators and benefit our students and the community at large.

Let's work together to keep schools open.

Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero and the PPS Bargaining Team